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H. R. 2135

To provide for a National Native American Veterans' Memorial.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming (for himself, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. ROSE, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. STUMP, Mrs. MINK, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SPRATT, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. TORRES, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KYL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. ENGLISH of Arizona, and Ms. FURSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To provide for a National Native American Veterans'
Memorial.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native American
5 Veterans’ Memorial Establishment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Native Americans across the Nation have a
2 long, proud and distinguished tradition of service in
3 the armed forces of the United States.

4 (2) Native Americans have historically served in
5 the armed forces of the United States in numbers
6 which far exceed their representation in the popu-
7 lation of the United States.

8 (3) Native American veterans count among
9 themselves a number of Medal of Honor recipients.
10 Their numbers are also conspicuous in the ranks of
11 those who have received other decorations for valor
12 and distinguished service.

13 (4) Native Americans have lost their lives in the
14 service of their Nation and in the cause of peace.

15 (5) The National Museum of the American In-
16 dian was established as a living memorial to Native
17 Americans. Its mission is to advance knowledge and
18 understanding of Native American cultures, includ-
19 ing art, history, language, and the contributions Na-
20 tive Americans have made to our society.

21 (6) The National Museum of the American In-
22 dian is an extraordinary site and an ideal location to
23 establish a National Native American Veterans' Me-
24 morial.

1 (7) A National Native American Veterans' Me-
2 memorial would further the purposes of the National
3 Museum of the American Indian by giving all Ameri-
4 cans the opportunity to learn of the proud and cou-
5 rageous tradition of service of Native Americans in
6 the armed forces of the United States.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 As used in this Act:

9 (1) The term "Native American" means an In-
10 dian, a Native Hawaiian, and an Alaska Native.

11 (2) The term "Native Hawaiian" means any in-
12 dividual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people
13 who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sov-
14 ereignty in the area that now comprises the State of
15 Hawaii.

16 (3) The term "Alaska Native" means any Es-
17 kimo, Aleut, or Alaska Indian.

18 (4) The term "Memorial" means the Native
19 American Veterans' Memorial established by section
20 3 of this Act.

21 (5) The term "Museum" means the National
22 Museum of the American Indian established by the
23 National Museum of the American Indian Act (20
24 U.S.C. 80q et seq.).

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMO-**
2 **RIAL.**

3 (a) MEMORIAL.—The Museum, in close consultation
4 with Native American groups, is authorized to design, con-
5 struct, and maintain a National Native American Veter-
6 ans' Memorial.

7 (b) SITE.—The Museum shall select a suitable site
8 for the Memorial within the interior structure of the facil-
9 ity provided for by section 7(a) of the National Museum
10 of the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 80q-5(a)) to house
11 the portion of the Museum to be located in the District
12 of Columbia.

13 (c) DESIGN AND PLANS.—The Museum is authorized
14 to hold a competition to select the design of the Memorial.
15 Any design so selected shall be compatible with both the
16 purpose of the Museum, as set forth in section 3(b) of
17 the National Museum of the American Indian Act (20
18 U.S.C. 80q-1), and with any existing design plans for the
19 Museum's structure and its surroundings.

20 (d) DONATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
21 sion of law, the Museum may accept, retain, and expend
22 donations of funds, property, or services from individuals,
23 foundations, corporations, or public entities for the pur-
24 pose of designing, constructing, or maintaining the Memo-
25 rial.

1 (e) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—The United States
2 Government shall not pay any of the expenses of the estab-
3 lishment of the Memorial other than providing the site re-
4 ferred to in subsection (b).

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